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Sir:

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Enclosed herein are the following:

- I. IDS: Copies of the following documents originally submitted on June 25, 2001:
 - Transmittal Form (1 p.);
 - Information Disclosure Statement (2 pp.);
 - Form PTO-1449 (3 pp.) listing 40 references (AA-BN);
 - Forty cited references, denoted AA-BN; and
 - Copy of a date-stamped return receipt postard showing receipt of the above items by the USPTO on June 28, 2001.

II. Supplemental IDS:

- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pp.);
- Form PTO-1449 (1 p.) listing 10 references (numbered 1-10);
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III. Sequence Listing:

- Amendment and Statement Accompanying Sequence Listing (2 pp.);
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